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2 POLISH SHIPS CARRY SOVIET GRAIN TO CALCUTTA

The M/S Mickiewicz sailed along the southern shore of the Crimea, passed by Sevastopol', and headed for Novorossiysk to receive the load of grain for the hungry in India. Within 24 hours a few thousand tons of grain were loaded and the ship left port for the Bosphorus. The ship passed Istanbul and went through the Sea of Marmara. After passing through the Dardanelles, the Aegean Sea, and part of the Mediterranean, the ship entered Port Sidon and the Suez Canal. After 15 hours the ship put in at a little town in the southern part of the Suez Canal. The ship then came to the Red Sea. It took 3 days to go from the Suez Canal to Bab el Mandeb strait, where Perim Island was sighted at the end of the Red Sea. The course was then changed from 159 degrees to 100 degrees which led the ship close to Aden. After a few hours the ship approached Cape Guardafui, and entered the Indian Ocean. After 5 days the Mickiewicz put in at the Minikoi Islet. It put in at Calcutta 18 days after leaving Novorossiysk.

The M/S Warynski was also there from Odessa on the same mission. The grain was unloaded in good condition. Next to the Polish vessel, an American ship was also unloading grain. According to the Indian Free Press Journal and the Indians unloading grain from the Polish ships, half of the grain brought from the US was spoiled.

Some of the crew on the M/S Mickiewicz included Boatswain Kulawczyk and Seamen Naruszkiewicz and Polanowski.

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